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#1 RANKED CANADA ANNOUNCES COACHING STAFF FOR 2009 IFAF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

April 6, 2009 – Ottawa, Ontario - Football Canada in partnership with Football Quebec, announced the coaching staff that will lead the #1 ranked Canada in the inaugural International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Junior World Championship in Canton, OH from June 27 to July 5, 2009.

Some of the best coaching minds in Canadian amateur football have been assembled. This coaching staff is no stranger to international competition at this level with many of them returning from the Team Canada that brought home gold in the NFL Global Juniors hosted in Miami in 2007.

Glen Constantin, head coach for Universite Laval will serve as head coach for the Canadian junior national team. On the offense, Greg Marshall, head coach at the University of Western Ontario will serve as offensive line coach; Justin Ethier of Universite Laval will be the quarter back and offensive coordinator; Stephan Ptaszek, head coach at McMaster University will be the receivers coach.

On the defense, Blake Nill the head coach at the University of Calgary will handle the linebackers; Warren Craney, the defensive coordinator at Concordia University will serve as the same role for the junior national team; Marco Iadaluca head coach for the Canadian Junior Football League St. Leonard Cougars will be handling the running backs.

New additions to the staff include Jeff Cummins, head coach at Acadia University, who will oversee the defensive line; Mickey Donovan, special teams and recruiting coordinator with the Western Mustangs will work with the special teams, Finally, Kyle Walters, head coach for the University of Guelph will deal with the defensive backs.

Three regional camps will be hosted, including April 25-16 at McMaster University, May 23-24 at University of Calgary and May 30-31 at Concordia University. From these camps, selected players will receive an invitation from Football Canada to attend the final selection camp in mid June at the University of Western Ontario.

Entering into this competition, Canada holds the number one seed.

Since Canada's first participation in the NFL Global Juniors in 2000, the team has won gold four times (2000, 2005, 2006, 2007) and finished second another four times (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004). The only team to defeat Team Canada at an international level is the United States, who will once again be tough competitors in this year's tournament as the number two seed.

Eight national teams from the under-20 category will represent four continents. Canada, the United States and Mexico will represent the Pan-American region. Germany, Sweden and France will represent Europe and Japan will represent Asia. While New Zealand will round out the competition for the Oceanic region.

Football Canada

Established in 1884, Football Canada is the national governing body of amateur football in Canada and a proud member of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF). Working closely with the provincial football associations, we develop programs and resources for players, coaches, officials in the three disciplines of Tackle, Flag and Touch Football. Football Canada promotes "from playground to stadium" where players can participate in the game of football throughout a lifetime recreationally, competitively, internationally and from player to coach to official.

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